Government during the Round Table on mining held in New Delhi in April, 1994 with regard to attracting the attention of the top mining companies in the world for gold exploration in India;

(b) what are the details of the foreign companies which have so far applied for gold exploration and mining rights in India and under what terms and conditions;

(c) whether any Indian company having experience in the field, has also applied for gold exploration; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take on the offers received so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). No incentives were offered during the International Round Table Conference organised by the Ministry in April, 1994. However, opening up of the mineral sector for private investment has generated interest. As per provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, prospecting licences and mining leases can be given only to companies as defined under sub-section 1 of Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956. Such licences/leases are given by the concerned State Government. Hence question of applying for such rights to the Central Government does not arise.

Production of MICA in Rajasthan

4329. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and locations of all the Mica Mines in the country as on 31st July, 1994;

(b) the annual mica production at each of these mines during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (till 30th June, 1994) particularly in Rajasthan;

(c) whether these mines are functioning to their full capacities, if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government have taken any concrete steps so that mica mining can get a boost indicating whether any modification in procurement policy for mica scrap has been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The names and location of all the Mica Mines in the country as of June, 1994 is given in statement *{see* below).

(b) The annual Mica production for the entire country and for the State of Rajasthan during 1992-93,1993-94 and 1994-95 (till June' 94) is as under:—

(Figures in tonnes)

	I992-93(P)		1993-94(P)		1994 -' (Til	95(P) 1 June
	Mica (Crude)	Waste & scrap	Mica (Crude)	Waste & scrap	Mica (Crude)	Waste & scrap
Rajasthan	165	446	70	167	19	9
Whole	2507	1490	2099	1019	424	141

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(c) No, Sir. The main reasons, identified for the mines not functioning to their full capacity is the high cost of mining at deeper levels and lack of demand in the International Market on account of substitutes from mica and its products having been developed.

(d) In order that mica mining can get a boost, the Government has modified the procurement policy for mica scrap and thereby encourage establishment of industries providing mica based value added products.

Statement

List of Mica Mines as of June, 1994

SI. No.	Name of Mine	Village
ANDHRA PRADESH		
1.	Narsimha	Batulapalli

SN	Name of Mine	Village
2.	Anantarama	Turimerla
3.	Jainarayana	Kalichedu
4.	K.S.R.	Kalichedu
5.	Meenakshi 84, 89, 91,	:. Utukur
6.	Meenakshi 131, 132,	Utukur
7.	Nataraja Mica Mine	Jogipalli
8.	Padmavati-	Talupur
9.	Palamani	Utukur & Chagana
1	Pattabhirama	Thurimerla
1	Raghavendra	Kalichedu
1	Rustum	Tatiparthi
1	S.R.A.	Degapudi
1	S.V.K.D. & U.N.	Talupur
1	Seetharama	Thurimerla
1	Seetharama No. 64	Thurimerla
1	Shah	Malakda
1	Shalimar	Talupur
1	Sri Kalyanarama	Kalichedu
2	Sri Kalyanarama (Pit	Kalichedu
2	Sri Rajeshwari	Talupur
2	Sri Saroja	Talupur
2	Tellabodu	Molakalapun
2	Kodandaram Mica	Utukur
4	Mine	(Renuka
2	Veeruniappya	—
2	Salochana (5.76	Thai u pur
2	D.N R. PIT	—
2	Mahalaxmi	—
2	Jankiram	—
3	Raman vitas	Anantha
0		-madugu
3	Hanuman (26.60	Shukurthi
3	S.R.A. Mica (39.52)	Degapudi
3	Krishna	—
3	Sri Vijaysuon	—
3	Sitarama Jainaravana	—
3	Achyutha	—
3	Sri Chamundeshwari	—
3	Raju Rajeshwari	—
3	Sri Valava	—
4	Dhanlaxmi	—
4	Borra	Borra
1		Getuvalasa
4	Raghva Ram	Koithagoda
BIHAR		
4	Bhujwa	Nagwan
4	Mahabir Mica	Katkoko
4	Singho Pahari	Singho
4	Kenduwa	Kenduwn
4	Kathiton Pit No 3	—
4	Burhia(155.55 Acres)	Katkoko
4	Sadwa	Nagwan
5	Juginia (215.02 Acres)	Singho
0		

SIN	Name of Mine	Village
5	Chamkonia	Dellia
5	Bandehchua	Govt.
2		R.F.
5	Ganesh	Kodarma R.F.
5	Lachnimiya	Dhab
5	Jayanti	Sq No. 19
5		I (Small)
5	Kali	Govt.
6		R.F.
5	Kan	Govt.
7		Reserve
5	Lomchanchi	Sq No. 37-
8		F (Small)
5	Murli Pahari Pit-3	Meghtari
6	Pesra	Govt.
0		R.F.
6	PesraU/C	Kodarma
1		Govt. Forest
6	Shital Pit No. 2	Dhab
6	Suggi	Govt.
3		R.F.
6	Vandana	Dhab
6	Sheoshankar	Kodarma R.F.
6	Teluka Mica Mine	Kodarma
6.		Govt. Forest
6	Shital Pit, No. 3	Dhab
6	Vishnu Mica Mine	Dhab
6	Lakshmi Mica Mine	Dhab
7	Mangla Prospecting	Kodarma
7	Veloria	Kodarma
7	Bichuwa	Lukai
7	Shankur PROS	Chattakiber
7	Bindeshwari	Sawaiya Tand
7	Durga	Basron
7	Hanumanti PROSP	Sewaivatand
7	Sethwa No. 2	Sawaivaband.
7	Sethwa No. 3	Belum
7	Sethwa U/C Pit	Belam
8	Parwathi	Sawaiya Tand
8	ShardaU/CPit-1	—
8	Bijay	Basrone
8	Shyama	Basrone
8	Vishnu	Sapahi
8	Keriopory	Sawaivatan
8	Sotiva Pros	Sawaivatan
RAJASTHAN		
8	Devgarh Godown	Devgarh
8	Dham 11/82	—
8	Sarana (Bamboria)	Sarana
9	Tilana	Tilana
9	Tihari	Tihari
9	BalawaliBlockNo.7	Dhadu
2		
9	Bambur	Ganeshpura
3	(Ganeshpura) I.A.	

SI. Name of Mine No.	Village Bhadu
94. Bhadu	
95 Bha-Khera (Mahadevi)	Bhalari Khera
96. Bhojpura	Bhojpura
97. DantaNo. 1	Danta
98. DantaNo. 2	Danta
99. Ghodas	Godas
lOO.KhariaNo. 1 Bhadu	Bhadu
lOI.Lalital-C	Ganeshpura
102. Laxmi Bhandar	Bhadu
103.Leswa	Leswa
104. M.L. BhojpurGarib	Bhojpura
lOS.Moosha	Moosha
106. Pansai Mining	—
l07.Ranas	Ranas
108. Sanvaria Mines	—
l09.Toonky	—
110.Toonka	Toonka
III. Gagas	Gagas
112. Ambakali	—
H3.GaribNawaz	Bhojpura
114 Bhood	Bhadu
115 PL. Bhadu	Bhadu
116. Ganeshpura	Ganeshpura
117 Shiv Bhandar	Kalikakheda
118. Rajendra Mica Mine	Alinda
119. Amrsingh Pokaria	Itala
120. Shiv Bhandar	KaiikaKheda
l21.Bhalikheda	Bhalikheda

Hindustan Copper Ltd.

4330. MISS SARO; KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Ltd. has recently signed an M.O.U. with the Ministry of Mines for increasing the production during 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The MOU lays down agreed targets for production, profit, inventory control, consumption of inputs and other efficiency indicators for the company.

Mines and Materials Regulation and Development Act, 1957

4331. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring amendments in the Mines and Materials Regulation and Development Act, 1957 to the effect that materials important from Defence angle vest with Union Government and the rest with the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take suitable measures for the development of mines and materials in Gujarat and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Mineral Policy announced in 1993 and subsequent amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 aim to encourage flow of investment in the mineral sector for its speedy development.

Consumption of Crude Steel

4332. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the energy consumption for per ton of crude steel in India in SAIL and TISCO in the last three years with year-wise break up;

(b) whether it is the same in foreign countries like USA, UK, Germany, Japan, Russia and China;

(c) the percentage that energy consumption contributes in cost of production;

(d) whether any optimum target has been fixed for Indian steel regarding energy consumption; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The energy consumption per ton of crude steel for SAIL integrated steel plants and TISCO for the last three years has been as follows:

	Energy consumption (G. Cal/tcs)	
Year	SAIL	TISCO
1991-92	9.17	9.3
1992-93	9.06	9.3
1993-94	8.93	9.4